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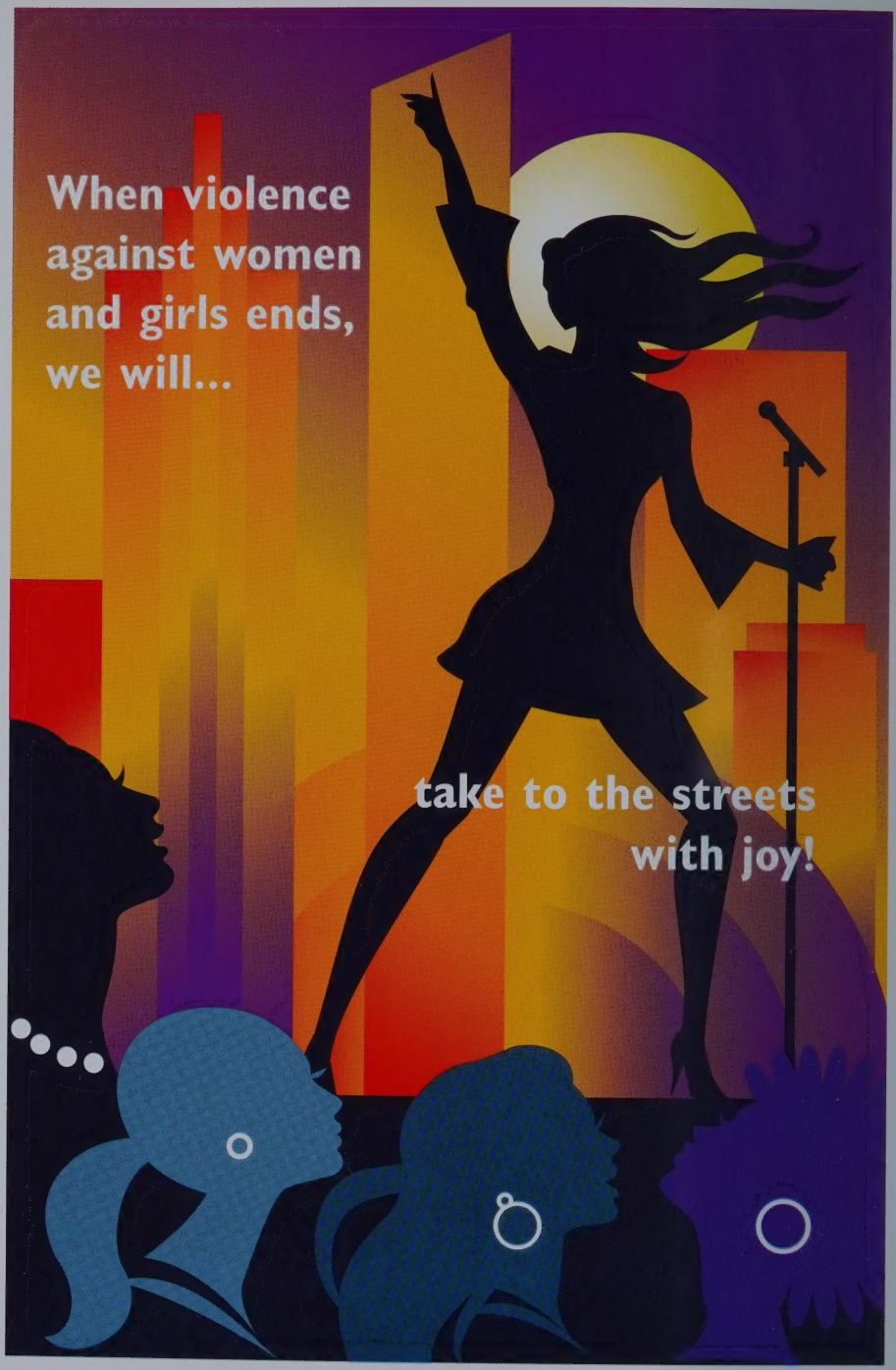

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V-Cast

Cynthia East is an activist, long time battered women's advocate and a professor at Georgia State University's School of Social Work. She is a native Atlantan who has seen over a dozen performances of The Vagina Monologues, including the Atlanta premiere starring Eve Ensler. Not only is Cynthia delighted and honored to be part of this production of The Vagina Monologues, but also she is deeply inspired by the hard work, creativity and commitment of this V-day team. Cynthia sends a shout out to Georgia State University's MSW class of 2008, her 83-year-young mom, and the millions of women and girls, all over the world.

Maria Flannery, presently known as Ifetayo, is a New Orleans native, an activist, and performing The Vagina Monologues for the second time. Maria is in her fourth year at Georgia State University and plans to pursue graduate school in the field of health psychology and holistic therapy techniques.

Kirsten Hagman is in the first year of her MSW program at Georgia State University and will be graduating in May 2009. She has an undergraduate degree from Berry College in Theatre and Women's Studies. This is Kirsten's first time performing in The Vagina Monologues.

Tiffany Hall is a 23-year-old senior and a full time mother to a beautiful 8-month-old daughter. She is excited to have the opportunity to be a part of this great cause. She is empowered to be performing next to such a beautiful group of women with such diversified backgrounds and experience and is very grateful for the opportunity.

Shirlene Holmes (Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1992) is an Associate Professor at Georgia State University and a solo performer and prolific playwright whose productions have run nationally and internationally. Through her artistic work, Dr. Holmes is committed to providing a voice for those generally unheard in contemporary society. Holmes won the Lorraine Hansberry Scriptwriting Award and the Nancy Dean Distinguished Playwrighting Award; she also was a finalist in the Jane Chambers National Playwrighting Contest. She was competitively selected for a writing residency at the Kennedy Center for the Arts, the Mt. Sequoyah Play Retreat, and the Norcroft Writing Retreat for Women.

Jordan Howard is pursing an Administrative Arts degree with a concentration in Theatre and Speech and after graduation would like to continue engaging her acting and creativity in the Fine Arts field. This is Jordan's second time performing The Vagina Monologues and wants to thank the audience for their support of V-day.

Paige Howell is a second-year MSW student at Georgia State University, a mom of two teenage boys and along with husband Terry, has foster-parented over 50 children. Paige is planning a career in the field of mental health and substance abuse and hopes to leave the world a better place than she found it.

Jan Jensen is an actress, storyteller, and drama teacher. She considers New Orleans her hometown and was an actress there for many years. Jan teaches youth at the Alliance Theatre and is thrilled to be returning to acting after a "mommy hiatus." She sends big kisses out to Fred and Lucy.

Kasumi Kato is a third year Public Policy major at Georgia State University with plans after graduation to volunteer with the Peace Corps and W.O.O.O.F. Her latest activism project is to educate people about the environmental impact of the new coal fired power plant projected for Early County, Georgia.

Ericka Lewis is a second year MSW at Georgia State University and describes herself as an entertaining ball of organized chaos who seeks to change the world. After graduation, Erika plans on beginning a career in youth development programming. This is Ericka's first time performing The Vagina Monologues.

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Samietra "Mimie" Lisenbee is a 25-year-old womanist, organizer, Georgia State University alum, southerner, black, queer, femme, activist, and lover-of-life. "I wanna touch the sky..."

Allison Lubel is an Atlanta native and Junior at Georgia State University studying Print Journalism. This is Allison's first performance in The Vagina Monologues and wants to thank her mother and grandmothers for being remarkable women, role models, and teachers.

Lyn Middlebrook is a singer and actor from Los Angeles who has lived in the Atlanta area for four years. This is her second time performing The Vagina Monologues. She has two beautiful teenage daughters and hopes to begin the MSW program at Kennesaw State this August.

Tamika Middleton is a Masters student in Sociology at Georgia State University, a writer, an activist, a partner, and a mother. Tamika plans to use her writing to inspire radical, revolutionary struggle in the vein of her ancestors. This is Tamika's first time performing The Vagina Monologues.

Mykal Monroe is graduating Georgia State University this May with a BA in African American Studies. Her career goal is to marry her performance skills with her love of the arts to produce a resume of eclectic film and theater work. This is Mykal's first Vagina Monologue performance.

Kate Morales is very honored to be a part of The Vagina Monologues for the second year in a row. She loves performing on stage as well as being involved in activism in our community, and encourages you to support our sponsoring organizations. Thank you and enjoy the show!

Skye Thompson is graduate student at Georgia State University pursuing her Masters in Social Work. She and her husband live in Cobb County where she plans to continue working to make a positive impact in her community. This is Skye's first time performing in The Vagina Monologues.

Alley Waldrop is a student at Georgia State University studying Anthropology. She is very excited to be in her first performance of The Vagina Monologues.

Tequilla Whitfield is a Theater and Communications major who loves to be on stage and she looks forward to a long and successful career as an actress. This is Tequilla's fourth production at Georgia State University and her second time here in The Vagina Monologues.

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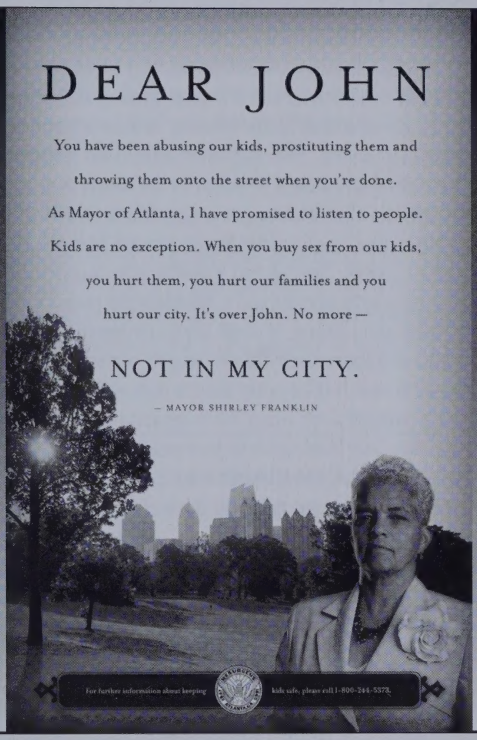

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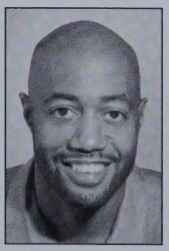
V-Day Team

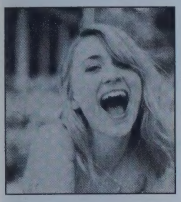
Ellen Green is the Director of The Vagina Monologues 2008 at Georgia State University. Ellen is a social activist, a crisis hotline advocate for rape and sexual violence survivors, and a staunch supporter of all women. Her unwavering belief in the collective power of women to successfully shift the cultural and societal paradigm for the benefit of all people brought her back to her studies 30 years after receiving her undergraduate degree at Queens College in 1976. Born and raised in New York City, Ellen lived in Nevada, New Mexico and California and for the past 24 years, in Georgia. She has had a diverse array of career experiences as a teacher, a writer, a property manager, a croupier, and a director of the news for a TV station in Reno. In May, Ellen will graduate with a Master of Social Work from Georgia State University and will use her degree in the area of social and political advocacy for women and the issues that impact their lives. She is honored to have had the opportunity to work with an incredible group of women and men on this year's production and would like to express her eternal gratitude to fellow team members Kim Hoyt and Craig Washington for their steadfast support, commitment and dedication to the project. Ellen sends a loving embrace out to the most important person in her life, her son Mark, who begins his junior year at Purdue University this fall.

Kimberly Hoyt is the Fundraising Chairperson for this year's production. Kim is a native Atlantan who decided, four years ago, to pursue her passion to heal and empower individuals and families through the field of Social Work. Kim had previously worked for more than fifteen years in business administration and management. This is Kim's first production of The Vagina Monologues and she has been instrumental in making this Georgia State University production and the complementary fundraising events, a enormous success. Kim brings a wealth of business experience, graphics talent and unwavering dedication our production and to the V-Day mission of ending sexual violence against women and girls. She plans to further her pursuit of social justice for those in need by obtaining a law degree with a goal of one day being a Juvenile Court Judge.



Craig Washington is a writer and community organizer lovingly raised by Anna and Leon Washington in Queens, New York. He is ecstatic about graduating from Georgia State University with a Master of Social Work on the day before Mother's Day. He plans to utilize his skills to engage people of color and lgbtq communities in critical thinking and social change action. Craig is the proud recipient of a 2007 Audre Lorde Scholarship from ZAMI. His essay "A Revolutionary Act" is included in the 2006 anthology "Not In My Family: AIDS in the African American Community." He believes that every man should be working on some level to end violence against women and everyone else.

Vagina Warriors



Katie Graham coordinates fund-raising and event-planning activities for Men Stopping Violence. She graduated from North Georgia College and State University in 2004 with a BA degree in psychology. Katie's work with V-Day centers around building relationships with donors, and helping to plan the logistics of V-Day events. The V-Day Atlanta event that she helped organize in 2007 raised more than $50,000.

Nikki Noto is honored to be among such an amazing group of women and men using artistic expression to raise funds and awareness to end violence against women and girls. Nikki is a graduate of Maryville College with a degree in theater studies, and has produced many V-Day events, including the Atlanta premiere of A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant and a Prayer in 2007.

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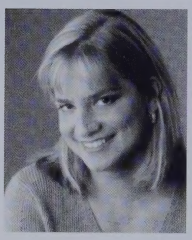

Melissa Carter is the Co-Host of "The Bert Show" in Atlanta and "Twist Radio" nationwide. She has been honored as "Best Radio DJ" by several local papers three years in a row, served as Grand Marshall in Atlanta's Gay Pride Parade and Provincetown's Carnival, had a walk-on role on Fox's "The OC," and performed in Atlanta productions of "The Vagina Monologues," "Shear Madness," and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Piedmont Hospital recently established the Melissa Carter Transplant Fund in honor of the 5th anniversary of her Kidney Transplant.

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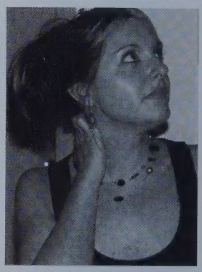

Dawn Marie Curran

Meredith Danielle fills many roles–she's a mother, student, community activist, and writer/filmmaker. Meredith attends Georgia State University in the Women's Studies Program, and moderates Sacred Spaces, an institution of self-preservation for women. She is the V-Day Team's fundraising and event coordinator and thrilled to be performing in The Vagina Monologues for the first time. Meredith is honored to support V-Day's global movement to stop violence against women and girls.

Michael Kleinmeyer will be graduating this semester with his Masters in Social Work. Through images, he plans to blend his passion for photography and social work to bring social issues into the community's awareness. In the words of Dorothea Lange, "The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera." Mike brings his exceptional photography talents to the V-Day Team's production.

Kelly Ann Temple is lending her exceptional music and singing talents to the Georgia State Vagina Monologue production and to the V-Day Team. She is a native Mississippian, is a singer songwriter and social activist passionate about many social justice issues, most notably economic justice in the United States and around the world. Her interests and passions in music and social justice have been influenced by her various living experiences in Nashville, TN, Tallahassee, FL, and Los Angeles, CA. She is graduating from Georgia State University this May with a Masters in Social Work.

Dawn Marie Curran: Ten years ago Dawn was worried too. A bunch of women on a stage talking (ok screaming) about their vaginas? Unnecessary? As it turns out, she found the show and everyone in it, extremely necessary, actually vital. She hopes the show enlightens and empowers you, too.

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